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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WALTON TO DISCUSS DRUG PLAN AT CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, IL.--The Honorable Reggie B. Walton, Associate Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, will review the Bush Administration's antidrug plan at a national drug conference Eastern Illinois University is co-sponsoring with the U.S. Department of Education.

Walton is among numerous dignitaries who have been invited to speak at the Sept. 27-30 "Education/Law Enforcement Partnership" conference at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. He will speak at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29.

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"We are extremely pleased that Judge Walton has accepted our invitation to speak at the conference. His presentation could not have been more timely," said Dan Bolin, Director of Safety Programs at Eastern, who is coordinating the conference for educators and law enforcement officials.

A "deputy drug czar" who's second in command behind director William J. Bennett, Walton participated in drafting the national antidrug plan President Bush recently announced.

Walton has a distinguished career in public service and law enforcement. After graduating from American University's Washington College of Law in 1974, he served as a public defender in Philadelphia.

In 1976, he became an assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. As a prosecutor, he was assigned to a number of drug-related cases. In 1981, after five years as a prosecutor, he was chosen for the Superior Court.

He has also served as an instructor for the National Institute of Trial Advocacy of Georgetown University Law School since 1983.

Other conference keynote speakers include Terrence Donahue, Acting Administrator for the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; Peter Bell, Executive Director of the Institute on Black Chemical Abuse; Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar; Dr. William T. Atkins, Director of the Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse; and Dr. J. David Hawkins, author of Preparing for the Drug (Free) Years.

For additional information on the drug conference, persons may write to Eastern Illinois University, Office of Safety Programs, Charleston, IL 61920, or call Dan Bolin at (AC 217) 581-2019.